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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ROD ROSS et al.

Application No.: 09/895,304

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: CUTTING BLADE ASSEMBLY
FOR A MICROKERATOME

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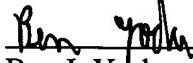
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicant for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to September 8, 2003 from the Office Action dated August 14, 2003. Enclosed are a RCE and a check in the amount of \$430.00, to cover the RCE and petition for extension of time fees.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0946. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

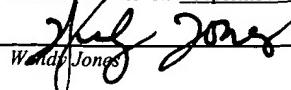
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